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State Funding of Schools, Construction, and Remodeling

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◆Note:

Page numbers refer to the January 2006 *Organization and Financing of Washington Public Schools*, available at www.k12.wa.us/safs/PUB/ORG/Org.asp.

◆Disclaimer:

This is a simplified presentation on K-12 funding in Washington State for informational overview purposes only. Specific authoritative technical details are contained in statute and rules and may not be fully represented here.

What is the State's Responsibility? Page 11

Washington State Constitution

Article IX

Section 1. “It is the **paramount duty** of the state to **make ample provision** for the education of all children residing within its borders, without distinction or preference on account of race, color, caste, or sex.”

Section 2. “The legislature shall provide a **general and uniform system of public schools** . . . and such . . . normal and technical schools as may hereafter be established.”

Washington's School Finance System

- ◆ Is a legislative response to three court decisions interpreting the “paramount duty” clause of the state constitution.
- ◆ The funding formula is not cast in concrete; it is the continuing obligation of the Legislature to review, define, and fund basic education.
- ◆ Local school levies may be allowed as long as they enrich programs outside of the legislative definition of basic education and are not used to reduce the state's obligation to fund basic education.

Court Decisions Page 21

◆ **Doran I: 1977**

- The Legislature must define and fully fund a program of basic education through regular and dependable tax sources and must not rely on local excess levies for that funding.

◆ **Doran II: 1983**

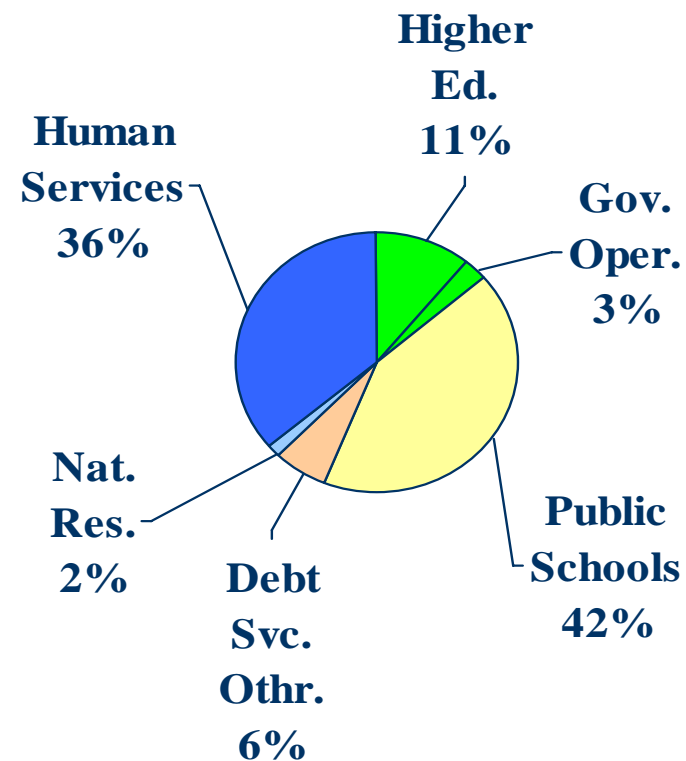
- Added categorical programs to the state's basic responsibilities: Special Education, Bilingual, Remediation (LAP, and Pupil transportation

◆ **Doran IIB: 1988**

- Affirmed funding for special education based on averages and added safety net to special education.

2005–07 Biennium State General Fund Expenditures

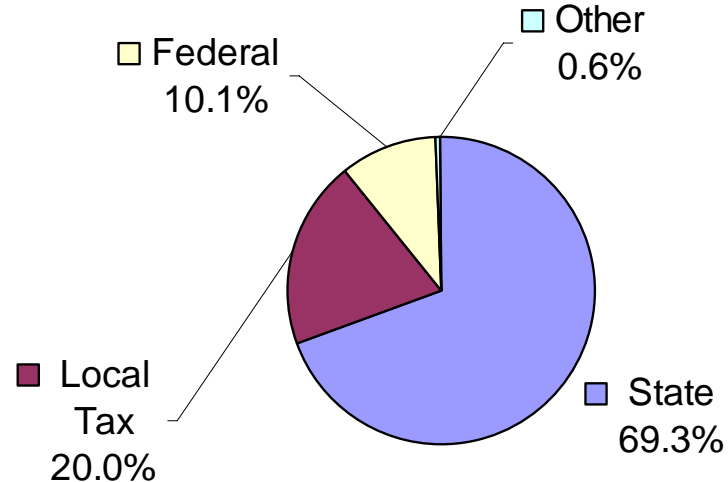
	Billions
Public Schools	\$ 10.9
Human Services	9.5
Higher Ed	2.9
Governmental Operations	0.7
Natural Resources	0.4
Debt Service/Other	1.6
	\$ 26.0



Citizens Guide to the Budget, page 12: <http://www1.leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/WM/publications.htm>

School District General Fund Revenue Per Student 2004–05 School Year

State	\$5,470
Local Tax	1,578
Federal	798
Other	<u>51</u>
Total	<u><u>\$7,897</u></u>



Source: Summary of All School Districts' F-196; 2004–05 is the latest available year.

State Average School District Expenditures 2004–05 School Year

Program	Statewide (Millions)	Per Student
Basic Ed.	\$ 4,109	\$4,189
District-wide Support	1,094	1,115
Special Ed.	793	809
Compensatory Ed.	712	726
Transportation	317	324
Vocational/Skills Ctr.	274	280
Food Services	273	279
Other Instruction	112	114
Community Service	40	40
Total	\$ 7,724	\$ 7,876

Source: Summary of All School Districts' F-196

State Average School District Revenues 2004–05 School Year

Program	Statewide (Millions)	Per Student
Basic Ed.	\$ 4,151	\$ 4,233
Local & Other Revenues	1,700	1,734
Compensatory Ed.	691	704
Special Ed.	659	672
Food Services	277	283
Transportation	212	216
Community Service	24	24
Other Instruction	16	16
Vocational/Skills Ctr.	13	13
	<u>\$ 7,743</u>	<u>\$ 7,895</u>

Source: Summary of All School Districts' F-196

Why do some districts get more funding than others?

- ◆ Different funding levels based upon staff experience and education.
- ◆ Different levels of students participating in:
 - Bilingual Programs
 - Special Education
 - Vocational Education
 - Transportation
- ◆ Different levels of poverty.
- ◆ Differing amounts of local dollars and state LEA.

Federal Funding To Schools 2004–05 - Page 89

	Dollar (Millions)	Percent
School Food Services	156.8	20.0%
Programs Under NCLB	335.5	42.9%
IDEA Special Education, Supplemental	194.0	24.8%
Medicaid Administrative Match	5.8	0.7%
Special Purpose	36.3	4.6%
Federal Forests **	18.7	2.4%
Head Start	15.0	1.9%
Carl Perkins - Vocational Education	8.2	1.0%
Special Education, Medicaid	4.7	0.6%
Other Federal Revenues	3.7	0.5%
Skills Center, Youth Training Programs	1.1	0.1%
Direct Federal Grants - General Purpose	2.9	0.4%
Total	782.7	100.0%

**** Only Federal Forests Revenue is discretionary.**

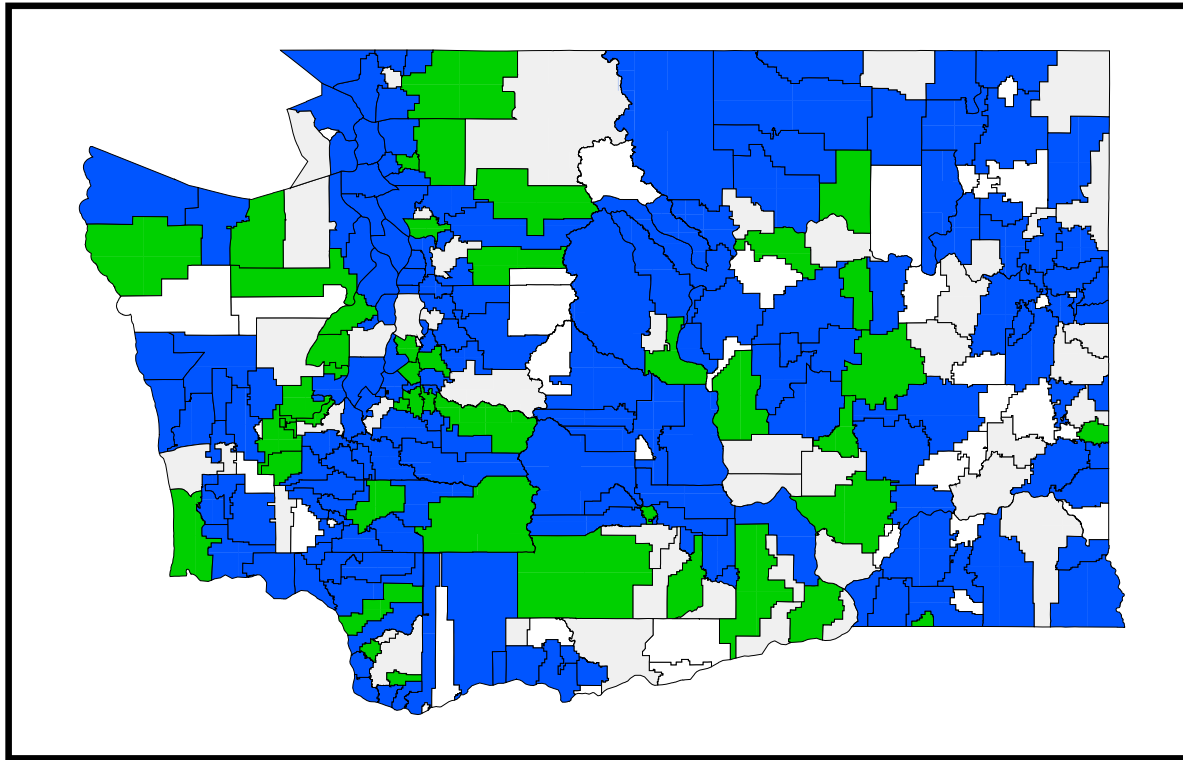
School Facilities Funding - Page 101

<http://www.k12.wa.us/facilities/>

Capital improvements are funded separately out of the Capital Improvements Fund. The School Facilities section at OSPI administers the School Construction Assistance Program providing state matching funds and technical support for local school district construction projects.

The section also provides support for School District Organization procedures.

School Facilities Funding: State School Districts



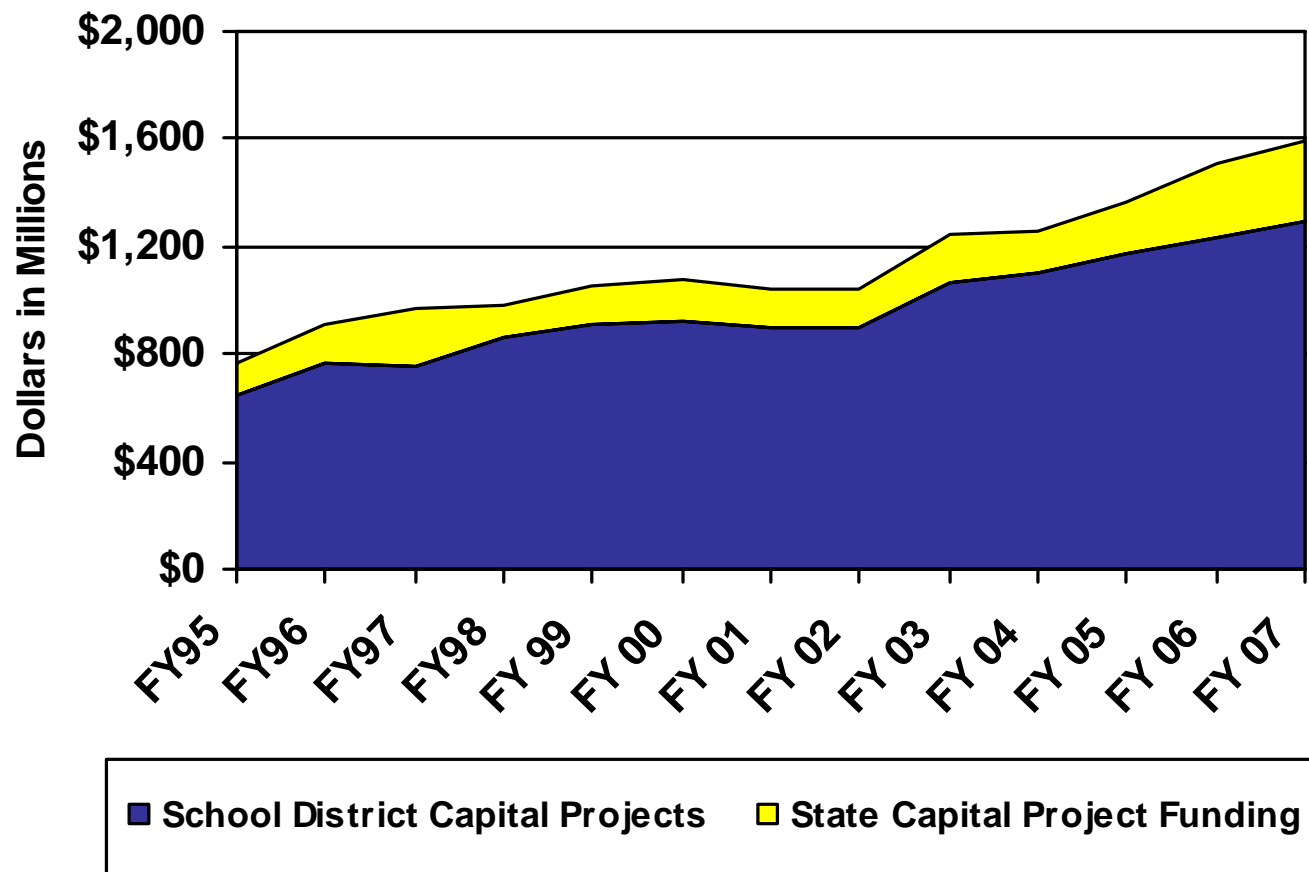
296 School Districts
2300 Campus Locations
10,000 Buildings
148,000,000 Square Feet

274 Current Projects

\$1.6 Billion Capital/Year
\$680 Million M&O/Year

School Facilities Funding: State vs. School Funding

School District Capital Project Expenditures Compared to State Capital Project Funding



School Facilities Funding: State Capital Revenues



2005-07 Revenue Sources

